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NEW ENGLAND DEACONESS HOSPITAL

DEACONESS 1958 SERVICE AWARDS DINNER TO BE HELD MARCH 5 AT LONGWOOD TOWERS

MAJOR MILESTONE — Donald Sabine, head of the Maintenance Department, completed 30 years of service at the Deaconess on Jan. 16. Eve Schandelmayer provided the cake and all department employees were on hand to share it. Well wishes poured in from Sabey's friends throughout the hospital.

265 Employees With 5 Years Or More at Deaconess Have 3000 Years Total Service

More than 3000 years of service to the New England Deaconess Hospital will reap honors for personnel at the 1958 Service Awards Dinner to be held Wednesday, March 5 at Longwood Towers.

The annual highlight event for employees will begin at 6:30 p. m. and will be attended by 265 guests of the hospital with five or more years at their various jobs.

As in the past, musical entertainment will be provided, awards of merit and service pins will be presented. About 75 persons will receive awards marking anniversary's of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years in the employ of the Deaconess.

Miss Orianna F. Harding will again introduce a new record of loyal service — 45 years. As her mark proudly moves upward, so too, the total years of service by all employees continues to set a new high.

Personnel were honored in 1956 for 2,450 years of service. Last year the total surged to 2,887 years and at the March festivities will pass the 3,000-year mark.

Award winners will be introduced by Miss Ellen Adams, personnel director, and awards will be presented by R. D. Lowry, executive director.

CONSTRUCTION OF MAINTENANCE BUILDING AND LAUNDRY ADDITION BEGINS IN MARCH

Construction on a new building for maintenance shops and an addition to the laundry will begin in March, according to plans announced recently by R. D. Lowry, executive director.

Bids were received from building contractors until February 6.

The Cancer Research Institute will start rising one more floor shortly after work begins on the shops and laundry. A grant of $120,000 was awarded a year ago by the U.S. Public Health Service to help make construction of a fourth floor possible.

A two-story brick veneer structure with a basement will replace the present maintenance building which formerly was Brodbeck Cottage. The Deaconess scene will lose its oldest building — a building rich in the hospital's tradition and history.

Brodbeck Cottage was the site of the first insulin administration in Boston, given to a diabetic nurse, Miss Mudge, by Doctor Root under the direction of Dr. Elliott Joslin.

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MYSTERY DATE

APRIL 24

Mark your calendar:

Keep your day free

17 JAN. GRADS JOIN HOSPITAL NURSING STAFF

Seventeen of twenty-six January graduates of the New England Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing will join the Hospital's nursing staff.

The 1958 Seniors, most of whom finished their courses on January 22, will, as in the past, attend graduation ceremonies with spring graduates on May 19.

Only one more class after the 1958 group will complete the Nursing School program in January. Under the new entrance plan all will graduate after 1959 in May.

Members of the present senior class are Eleanor Anderson, Betty Bagley, M. Gabrielle Bernard, Joan Booth, Beverly Burt, Cynthia Cameron, Maxine Cianchette, Dianne Condon, Nancy Crooker, Janet Dixon, Rosemond Dominique, Diane Fellows, Gladys Fiddes and Felicita Foglioni.

Also Carol Hambly, Patricia Landell, Jacalene McBane, Carole McGee, Marcia Meek, Janet Norton, Marjorie Previere, Carolyn Roberts, Jessie Smith, Joan Welch, Frances White and Marlene Wiggin.

Friends to Entertain Nurses at Feb. 18 Tea

Friends of the Deaconess will be host to the Exchange Nurses and general staff nurses at a tea in Harris Hall on the afternoon of Feb. 18. Chairman is Mrs. Sheldon Wardwell.

COFFEE SHOP TO OPEN EVENINGS; NEED CITED FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS

Greatly increased patronage of the Friends of the Deaconess Coffee Shop — indicating firm endorsement of its food and service — has encouraged the Friends to announce a new schedule which will extend the hours of service into the evening.

Beginning around the first of March, the Coffee Shop will be open from 5 to 9 p. m.

Beneficiaries will be night employees, staff and visitors. Extra hours mean extra problems to staff the shop, and Mrs. Homer, volunteer director, explains that employees now have an excellent opportunity to offer volunteer service after their normal working hours.

Their help will be welcome; it is needed. Any increase in profit will, of course, enable the hospital to buy needed equipment. Ultimate recipients of the gains from the volunteer service will be the patients.

Jewelry and Flowers Among Colorful Items

GIFT SHOP HAS VALENTINE THEME

A hearts and flowers theme pervades the Friends of the Deaconess gift shop in Central Lobby.

Preparing for the Valentine buying spree are Mrs. Charles A. Lamb, gift shop chairman, and Mrs. George McClellan, in charge of flowers. Decorations bear the brightest valentine red possible and the traditional valentine symbol, the heart, will be found on jewelry, handkerchiefs and a wide assortment of miscellaneous items.

Violet boutonnieres will be featured. Carrying the valentine red to most items, the gift shop will sell red pocketbooks and umbrellas.

Employees, patients and visitors are urged to remember the Friends gift and flower shop for valentine purchasing.

CAROL SINGERS FROM CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS BRING CHEER TO PATIENTS IN YULE SEASON

The spirit of Christmas was carried to patient floors for many days preceding the holiday in the songs of carol singers who walked slowly through the corridors.

Volunteer groups from churches, colleges and the School of Nursing gave many moments of joy to those restricted to hospital beds during the Yule season.

Those who could linger, paused before the wards to permit their songs to reach the most patients possible.

Nursing School students escorted groups from Boston University, Wheelock College, Old South Church, Simmons College and the Park Street Church.

Enthusiastic reception by the appreciative patients has encouraged these volunteers to return annually, and each year the number of groups has increased.

BOWLING SCORES

DIVISION STANDING

JANUARY 23, 1957

Division A 243 Total Pts.

Team		Pinfall	Points
1	W. Emery	25917	48
4	C. Fisher	25824	47
5	M. Nelson	25456	47
2	C. Schraub	25620	44
11	P. LeBlanc	23465	34
3	C. Spalding	21816	23

High Singles for the Year

C. Fisher	126
F. Servente	105
J. Gonzales	126

High 3-String for the Year

J. Gonzales	331
M. Pratt	278

High Average for the Year

B. Hart	98
M. Pratt	85

Division B 185 Total Pts.

Team		Pinfall	Points
6	D. Sabine	25865	49
8	R. D. Lowry	25330	39
7	H. Halloran	25097	32
12	J. Hougham	23563	30
9	H. Lasoff	22053	19
10	W. Sprague	24621	16

High Singles for the Year

R. D. Lowry	132
A. McDonald	110

High 3-String for the Year

R. D. Lowry	337
A. McDonald	285

High Average for the Year

R. D. Lowry	96
M. Holmes	81
J. Merola	81
N. Downing	81
L. Preston	81

Construction

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This noteworthy event in medical history occurred on August 7, 1922, and marked the beginning of the Diabetic Clinic as it now exists.

Designed for efficient accommodation of all maintenance facilities, the new building will contain shops for carpentry, paint spraying, furniture refinishing, plumbing, steamfitting, welding, mechanical and sheet metal work.

An additional floor above the present laundry will be used primarily for sorting and supply purposes.

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LANDMARK TO GO — Present maintenance building which will soon be replaced by modern two-story structure. Formerly Brodbeck Cottage, the building was the site of the first insulin injection in Boston.

HERE . . . AND THERE

Dr. James L. Tullis of the New England Deaconess Hospital staff received the first award in the 1957 Glycerine Research Awards of the Glycerine Producers Association in New York on Jan. 22. A process developed under his research program makes possible the stockpiling of whole blood for long periods by a new method of preservation.

A new two-way communication system for conversation between patients and the nursing station has been established on Deaconess II. Similar to the modern call system in the Central building, it enables the patient to express his needs to the nurse without requiring a walk to the room. The patient is served more quickly and efficiency of the nursing service is increased.

Deaconess II also has been renovated, with new tile applied to the floor and attractive colors of paint to the walls.

The last returns from the United Fund indicated that the Deaconess Hospital had the highest increase in donations of any hospital in our division.

Mrs. Beryl B. Paine, librarian at the School of Nursing, visited Puerto Rico in early January with a group studying social, health and economic conditions of the island commonwealth. Mrs. Ethel Nickerson served in the Alpha Credit Union office during Mrs. Paine's 10-day tour.

The senior Girl Scout service troop of Medfield visited the Deaconess on January 4 for volunteer service work and plans to return on February 1, for additional service...

John A. Dunn, trustee of the Deaconess, was appointed in December to Boston University's newly created office of vice-president for development. He heads a $60,000,000 drive to centralize the university's 15 schools and colleges on the Charles River campus.

Deaconess Hospital's Exchange Nurse Program won recognition in the Boston Sunday Herald of Jan. 19. The nurses were praised for their excellent background and ability to adapt rapidly to the new procedures and nomenclature in America.

Engagements

Felicita A. Foglioni, class of 1958, to Leo Tyrrell.

Alice M. Clark, class of 1955, to Paul E. Giardini.

Sue Pennington, class of 1955, to Allan Dunn.

Phyllis Swaine, class of 1957, to Robert W. Carlson.

Ann Aldrich, class of 1957, to Hubert J. Adams, Jr.

Arlean E. Chirico, class of 1958, to Pfc. William E. Bartoli.

Diane A. Farr, class of 1958, to Robert L. Fowler.

Weddings

Betty Theriault, class of 1955, to Philip P. Joyce.

Joanne Spooner, class of 1956, to William H. Smith, Jr.

Mary L. Egner, class of 1956, to Victor F. Scalise, Jr.

CARS MUST LEAVE LOT BY 5:00 IF SNOW FALLS

Employees are reminded that cars must be removed from the parking lot not later than 5 p. m. on the day of a snow storm and on the day following.

This is necessary to permit snow removal.

When cars are left inconsiderately in the lot after the 5 o'clock deadline, all employees who use the area face parking hardships for several days.

Tax Savings Explained On Pay for Sick Leave

All employees recently received with their pay checks a form explaining tax exemption relative to sick leave pay. The limitations and method of applying for this exemption are again outlined below.

Employees are advised to contact the Personnel or Comptroller's Office if they have any questions on this subject.

The Hospital policy with regard to sick leave is clearly presented on page 15 of "Glad To See You". The hospital pays all or part of your wages during a period of absence due to sickness or injury:

These payments, within limits, are tax exempt.

The amount exempted is limited to $100.00 a week.

Payments for the first seven calendar days of absence are not covered under this exemption unless you were hospitalized for at least one day, or your absence was due to injury.

When you prepare your individual income tax return, Form 1040, you will be required to attach a statement in support of your claim for excludable sick pay, to be reported on line 6(b).

You should submit a separate statement for each period of absence for which you claim an exclusion. The report should include the following information:

a — The dates of each absence
b — Nature of sickness or injury
c — Dates of hospitalization (if any)
d — The amount of sick pay received

Same Parking Stickers for 1958

Car window parking stickers, authorizing use of the employees' parking lot, which were issued last year by Administrative Assistant John Slayton will remain in effect for 1958.

Mr. Slayton's office will continue to issue stickers to new employees and others who may wish to start using the parking area.

UNITED FUND PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS STARTED FOR THREE-MONTH PERIOD

Payroll deductions for the United Fund will begin with the first paycheck in February and will continue for 12 weeks through March and April.

Employees who are paid twice monthly and who subscribed to the payroll deduction plan will have six deductions. All other subscribers will have their contributions deducted from 12 pay checks.

If any employees have questions about their deductions, they should contact the Public Relations Office.

Top Hat - Alex Goldsmith and Antonia Rubino

Refreshment Time

Candid View

800 EMPLOYEES FIND FUN AT YULE PARTY

If attendance figures, dancing feet and smiling faces were a measure of success, Deaconess Hospital's Christmas party went sailing over the top as "the best yet."

More than 800 employees attended — and this includes just about everyone.

The cafeteria on Friday, Dec. 20, offered as a first lure the pungent aroma of mints and nuts, of punch and egg nog, of cakes and cookies and candy.

Orchestra leader Paul Monaghan of Westwood led his musicians through waltzes, polkas — all forms of dancing music, new and old. Musical favorites from the past and present uncovered considerable singing talent among the guests.

Ralph O'Neil sang the "Lord's Prayer." Frederick Gadman of the Purchasing Dept. supply room injected nostalgia with longtime choices such as "Heart of My Heart." Mrs. Louise Walker, diet cook, won the applause of everyone for her selections.

A new record was set before and after the festivities. Men employees, including department heads, became volunteer furniture movers. They cleared the cafeteria of tables and chairs in the laudable time of 15 minutes, and matched the mark in returning them after the party.

Everyone departed with a pound of candy tucked under his or her arm.

"Heart of My Heart" - Frederick Gadman

Dancing, Decorations and Delicacies

Editorially Speaking

Many questions have arisen about hospital costs since the recent "initial service" discussions at the State House. One of the best editorials written on the subject appeared on Jan. 2, 1958 in the weekly newspapers of the Transcript Publications, Inc., Dedham. Because of its excellence it is reprinted below for the information of all who are interested in hospitals and their problems.

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Whatever the outcome of the current controversy over the so-called hospital "initial service" or 'entry fee" charge may be, the decision of the courts isn't going to settle much more than a temporary dispute,

The bald fact of the matter is that the voluntary, non-profit hospital today finds with the passing of every year that more and more difficulties arise to prevent it from making financial ends meet.

The hospitals need more income.

Gifts and endowments; contributions and charges for services all added together don't complete the financial package the voluntary, non-profit hospital must receive if it is to keep its services at a high plane and meet the obligations it must assume.

Years ago hospitals existed on a less lavish scale than they do today. For most people hospitals represented a place to go only in event of severe accidents or in extreme illness. Because of that their mortality rates were high.

Babies were born at home. And the infant mortality rate was high because medicine had not yet learned all it was to know about pre-natal care and childbirth.

Few babies today are born outside of hospitals.

Men and women became patients in hospitals to a far greater degree than in the old days because the hospitals, in their never-ending efforts to keep pace with the tremendous 20th Century developments in the field of medical science, have found that they can administer to illness and disease far more efficiently than a half century ago.

And because hospitals exist men and women today are walking the streets, serving mankind well — many of whom would have succumbed years ago, except for the improved medical care. Today our life expectancy is years longer than it was less than a score of years ago. The part that the hospital — particularly the non-profit, voluntary hospital — has played in that development is tremendous.

Hospital costs are heavy. Today's nurse, to cite a single example and reason for hospital costs, is as hard-working as her sister of another era. But she brings to the bedside a far better training, a far deeper knowledge of her work.

She cannot and should not be compelled to sacrifice her right to compensation somewhere within reason. Perhaps many years will go by before that compensation will ever begin to approach the norm she deserves.

One of the developments of medicine in recent years has been the advances made in scientific equipment. And scientific equipment today is costly. To fill its duty to its patient, the hospital must have the equipment.

It is easy to say that $20-plus per day is far too much to pay for hospitalization.

Yet, what hotel could serve its guest three meals a day, attend to his every need from the time he awakes in the morning until he goes to sleep at night and even through those sleeping hours — for $20-plus per day?

The answer is none.

Some folks seem to think that the controversy precipated by Francis X. Lang of the State Department of Administration and Finance is unfortunate.

In many ways it is.

Yet, if it serves to focus attention on the financial needs of the voluntary, non-profit hospital; if it serves to awaken public opinion and interest in the need for solving those most important problems of finances — it will have served a good purpose.

SPAGHETTI FETE AIDS YEAR BOOK OF '59 JUNIORS

The entire class of 1959 juniors comprised a committee to guarantee the success of a spaghetti supper held Thursday, Jan. 23, in Harris Hall.

Tickets sold for 99 cents and from 5 to 6:30 p. m. guests ate heartily — all for the benefit of the yearbook fund.

Two social events are scheduled at the School of Nursing for February — a senior tea on the 19th and a dance on the 15th.

Deaconess . . . "A Wonderful Hospital"

My wife has just returned home from a third operation and I myself underwent an operation last February, all in Deaconess Hospital. We feel a very definite obligation to express our gratitude for the spirit of helpfulness of every person we came in contact with. There were no exceptions.

Miss Waters always has information about a patient's progress. If she hasn't the latest report she takes time, busy as she is, to phone and get it, and it isn't a perfunctory "Doing Nicely, Thank You" but in sufficient detail that you know it is authentic.

The cashier's department is most considerate. I understand that is far from true in many hospitals.

It is impossible to mention all the people in the hospital who have taken the trouble to do more than we requested of them, in fact we do not even know the names of most of them, but I would like to commend particularly Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Fontaine, who have worked on the fourth floor ever since our first acquaintance with Deaconess Hospital.

I don't know exactly what their duties are and doubt if they are directly responsible for the comfort or welfare of patients but they always seem anxious to be of service and no matter what is asked of them, it is done willingly and cheerfully, so that they both have a very beneficial effect on the morale of patients.

Both my wife and I think Deaconess is a wonderful hospital.

Louis A. Baldwin

LOOKING BACK AT 1957

1957 was a year of progress at the New England Deaconess Hospital. Many of the highlights follow:

The Hospital Teaching Unit, above, was dedicated on Feb. 10. Executive Director Robert D. Lowry announced in Dec. that more than $45,000 is being saved annually for diabetic patients in the unit which is operated on the second floor of the building owned by the Diabetes Foundation, Inc.

Joslin Auditorium was transformed into a large television studio for a week in April when daily clinics were transmitted by closed circuit to the American College of Physicians Thirty-Eighth Annual Session in Boston.

Personnel were honored for a total of 2,887 years of service at the Service Awards Dinner in March at Longwood Towers.

Dr Elliott P. Joslin Park was dedicated on July 15 in tribute to the world-famed diabetes authority. The city-owned land between the Diabetes Foundation building and Harris Hall was designated a public monument.

Wesley D. Sprague, lower right, former administrator of the Brockton Hospital, became associate director of the New England Deaconess Hospital in September.

Friends of the Deaconess opened the newly expanded coffee shop, center picture, on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

Bishop John Wesley Lord was re-elected chairman of the board and Francis W. Capper was again named president of the corporation at the annual meeting Nov. 19.

Mr. Lowry announced at this meeting that the Special Care Unit is saving patients $66,000 each year.

Nursing School enrollment hit a new high when 60 students entered training on September 9.

Dr. Clifford C. Franseen was elected chairman of the General Surgical Staff and Dr. C. Cabell Bailey was re-elected chairman of the General Medical Staff.

Renovation changed the face of the Deaconess in many ways. Modern furniture was installed in patients' rooms at a cost of $85,000, and with the generosity of the Deaconess Aid Society, landscaping was completed. Baker classroom was shifted to Deaconess II and the doctors lounge moved to the area off the main lobby of Central I.

FRIENDS' PARTY EARNS WORLDWIDE PRAISE

Friends of the Deaconess generated worldwide goodwill for the hospital with a demonstration of generosity and thoughtfulness on Sunday, Dec. 22.

The occasion was the Friends Christmas party in the Central Lobby, and such was the impact on patients far from home during the Yule season that letters of appreciation have been received from all corners of the world.

Employees, doctors and visitors joined patients who were able to come to the lobby for coffee, cider, doughnuts and other refreshments.

But the deepest impression was left by the warmth of friendliness shown by the Friends. Headed by Miss Dorothy Seccomb, president, they mingled among the guests, offering words of kindness and encouraging participation in the "open house" party.

Festivities extended from 3 to 6 p. m. The volunteers took turns serving and when the party ended, more than 500 guests agreed that the Friends are rightly named.

Chairmen, besides Miss Seccomb, were Mrs. Leland Mc Kittrick and Mrs. Shields Warren.

Among the hostesses were Mrs. Sheldon Wardwell, Miss Edith Wright, Mrs. Alan P. Winsor, Mrs. C. Cabell Bailey, Mrs. Basil C. Gray, Mrs. Carl Ernlund, Mrs. Richard H. Sweet, Mrs. John McKittrick, Mrs. Francis W. Capper, Mrs. William Snow and Mrs. Laurence H. H. Johnson.

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